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# Gloxinia Hybrids

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We present with pleasure our

## 1955-1956 CATALOG

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**ALBERT H. BUELL**

**EASTFORD, CONN.**

**GLOXINIA SPECIALIST**



## Dear Fellow Gardeners:

Some of you who receive this, our 1955-56 catalog, are old friends who have watched our development over the years. In fact it is due largely to this early interest and enthusiasm that we were encouraged to continue and expand. Our new friends may be interested to know a little of our beginning. Thirteen years ago I started with two Gloxinia plants in the sunporch of my home. By crossing these I obtained several very large flowers in a new color range, and from these have gradually been developed some of the beautiful plants that today may be found in our greenhouses. For many years this was my hobby, and now I devote my full time to the growth and development of the business.

Over these years the color and pattern range of Gloxinias has been greatly increased as well as the size of the flower. Slipper Gloxinias in the hybrid form are an exciting addition to every collection.

For the future our aim is to continually improve the foliage so that all our varieties will eventually have the quality of leaves that are found in our variety Trudy; to increase the color range, and propagate and sell true to name varieties that are outstanding; to foster an ever increasing knowledge and enthusiasm among our gardening friends, and to introduce other plants of merit in the Gesneriaceae family.

This year we are including a selected list of African Violets. These are grown and packed with the same careful attention as our Gloxinias, and we are proud to be able to offer them to you.

Yours for better Gloxinias,

*Albert H. Buell*

**VISITORS WELCOME:** We are always pleased to have visitors at our greenhouses. People traveling long distances should contact us to be sure of a good display. We are closed Sundays.

**GROWING INSTRUCTIONS:** We have prepared printed booklets which will answer most of your Gloxinia and African Violet questions. If you have any additional problems we will always be pleased to help you. Full growing instructions are sent with each order.



**OUR PLEDGE TO YOU:** All our shipments are guaranteed to reach you in absolutely perfect condition, and to be true to description. There is no need to return any doubtful shipments, as we have complete confidence in your judgment. A short note from you will bring prompt replacement at no cost to you.

Your complete satisfaction is our goal and greatest pleasure!



# Buell's Glorious Named Varieties!

Thousands of Gloxinias blooming in our Greenhouse each summer is always a most spectacular and breathtaking sight. To pick the most beautiful among them would indeed be a difficult task, and it is very likely that no individual variety would win unanimous acclaim. However, during Mr. Buell's 13 years of growing experience he has developed a keen eye and discerning taste for the very finest. In order to become a "Named Variety" a plant must meet his high standards as to color, size, growth habit, excellence of foliage, and good general performance in the greenhouse for two years or longer. In making his decisions Mr. Buell is often guided by the unsolicited comment a variety is given by visitors to our greenhouses, as he feels that perhaps this is the best way of knowing what is most apt to please our thousands of mail order customers who may never have the opportunity to visit us.

We hope you will add some of our "favorites" to your collection and that you will share our pride and enthusiasm for them.

## LARGE FLOWERING HYBRIDS

**BLUE DELIGHT** — This variety has caused many an "oh and ah" at the greenhouse. A solid blue border of about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on a pure white background. Excellent foliage. \$5.00/tuber.

**ELECTRA** — A very flashy red variety. The brilliant red border blends into a delicate speckling as it meets a darker halo at the bowl of the bloom. A creamy white throat speckled in dark red extends the whole length of the tube. An exceptionally good grower, but needs good light to prevent leggy growth. \$5.00/tuber.

**ORCHID** — This could be classified as a pastel between pink and blue, the shade varying according to the amount of sunlight. The bloom is of medium size and was pictured in the book "Gloxinias — And How To Grow Them". Outstanding features of this plant are that it has shiny dark green leaves and is a very compact grower with abundant blooms. \$5.00/tuber.

**PEACHES AND CREAM** — Immense blooms of purest white with delicate suffusions of pink around the border. If you are fond of pastels this is one of the finest. \$5.00/tuber.

**PINK SURPRISE** — The delicate pink petals of this variety are artistically speckled in a darker shade, and edged with a very narrow border of solid pink. The creamy throat is speckled dark pink. This is a selection from one of our most popular groups, B-6. \$5.00/tuber. (Extremely Choice).

**TRUDY** — Named for Mrs. Buell this is one of our choicest varieties both as to bloom, pattern, and leaf type. The plant was shown on the cover of *Popular Gardening* November, 1951. The color is medium to bright red with a white border speckled in red. The throat has a variegated red pattern on a dark cream base. \$4.00

## ROYALTY SLIPPER SERIES

**MIDNIGHT QUEEN** — Our darkest Slipper Gloxinia. A rich dark purple of striking elegance. \$4.00

**RUFFLED QUEEN** — A very dainty slipper of speckled pink. The lower petals are more densely speckled than the upper petals giving a bicolor effect, and the flower is delicately ruffled. This is a selection from our S-5 group. \$5.00/tuber.

**SNOW QUEEN** — Pure sparkling white. As far as we know this is the only pure white slipper type Gloxinia on the market today. \$5.00/tuber.

**RED EMPRESS** — The most outstanding of our Slippers to date. Very ruffled and a beautiful shade of red. The top two petals are a little lighter in color which adds to the over all effect. \$5.00/tuber.



# Gloxinia Tubers

in colors and patterns  
to delight  
an artist's pallette!

(bulbs to some folks)

During the blooming season each year when thousands of magnificent plants turn our greenhouse into a veritable fairyland of color, we spend days tagging superior plants to be offered in these color groupings.

Each of the specially tagged plants is grown to maturity until the tubers are fat and well developed. Then the tubers are harvested and properly cured for just the right length of time. We have developed a special method of packing and shipping so that your tubers reach you in perfect moist condition. Our tubers are particularly easy to grow because they are harvested with their roots intact before shipment.

We are often asked if there are any advantages of tubers over plants or vice versa. It is true that occassionally one will outperform the other but the important points to consider are these. Our tubers are not available and ready to grow until November. Earlier bloom may be had by purchasing 2½" plants in October and early November. During the winter months tubers are advantageous as they can be packed better against freezing. In March plants take the advantage for early summer bloom as tubers may have lost some vitality even under our carefully controlled storage conditions.

**A NOTE ABOUT TUBER SIZE:** It is true that our Jumbo tubers usually produce the most blooms. However, our small tubers when grown under favorable conditions produce excellent plants. Some varieties grow much larger tubers than others so that it is possible to have a jumbo tuber in one variety the same size as a large tuber of another variety.

## LARGE FLOWERED HYBRIDS

*(Shipments start in November)*

### GROUP NO.

- B-1** Unusually striking shades of purple, velvety purple, and rich wine-purple.
- B-1a** Similar to B-1 but throat of flower white or a lighter shade of purple.
- B-2** Purple bordered blossoms with artistically speckled throats — in a wide range of varying shades.
- B-2a** Delicate purple or lavender border blending into a speckled throat.
- B-3** Suffusions of soft white and lavender laced with lovely intricate patterns of deeper lavender and purple.
- B-4** Shades of strong-hued purple enhanced with speckling on a white border.
- B-5** Gorgeous shades of brilliant red and scarlet. Solid colors without speckling. Huge ruffled blossoms of striking beauty.
- B-5a** Similar to B-5 but lighter in color.
- B-6** Deep pink to rosy red with artistically variegated throat.
- B-6a** Similar to B-6 but more delicate in color and pattern.
- B-7** Lively shades of sparkling red, gayly enhanced with white borders heavily speckled with red into the throat. Scarce.



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- B-8** Suffusions of soft white and pink laced with lovely intricate patterns of deeper pink speckles. Scarce.
- B-9** Lovely blossoms daintily bordered with pink, blending into a throat of pure white. Scarce.
- B-9a** Similar to B-9 but with a wider border.
- B-10** Lovely blossoms daintily bordered with blue blending into a throat of pure white. Scarce.
- B-11** This years new color break. We call it "plum" or red-purple. Solid color to the throat or bordered with a light throat.
- B-11a** A lighter shade of Plumb than B-11, with a narrow border and variegation in the throat.
- B-12** We have made a new grouping for these this year. Flowers are basically purple with some speckling and a suffusion of red color.
- B-13** White Ruffles — A huge, ruffled, lacy creation, of sparkling brilliant white, with a delicate speckling deep in the throat. Some are tinted at the base of the petal.
- B-14** Bold, flashing blossoms in an unusual rainbow pattern of soft reds, and orange reds in subtle indescribable combinations.
- B-15** Large, graceful flowers of white, tinted with delicate shades of light pink or light blue. Pure white under some light conditions.
- B-16** Large ruffled white, artistically dotted in red. Scarce.
- B-17** A superb deep purple overlaid with red. Blossoms large and ruffled. (We call this a mahogany red.)

**PRICES FOR GLOXINIA TUBERS**  
(including Slipper type on next page)

	1	3	6	12
Small	\$ .60	\$1.70	\$3.25	\$ 6.25
Large	1.00	2.80	5.25	10.00
Jumbo	1.50	4.15	7.85	14.95

Every tuber separately packaged and labeled.

**OUR OWN SELECTION**  
**(ALL LABELED) AND DIFFERENT**

Each season when tagging our tubers we find certain groups in abundance. In addition we find many plants which although strikingly beautiful do not fall into our color groupings or are not found in sufficient numbers to warrant a separate grouping.

We offer these at prices below our numbered varieties. Mr. Buell personally supervises the selection at shipping time, and as these tubers are all labeled you are assured of a varied assortment of beautiful patterns and colors. We consider this one of our finest offers to you.

*Specially Priced At:*

	1	3	6	12
Small	\$ 50	\$1.45	\$2.70	\$ 5.25
Large	.80	2.30	4.50	8.75
Jumbo	1.35	3.85	7.50	14.00



# Our Enchanting *Slipper Gloxinias*

(available only in tubers)

Flowers of the Slipper Type Gloxinias are gracefully curved in the trumpet-throat like a large Fox-glove. They are rapidly gaining in popularity be-

cause of their gracefulness, profusion of blossoms, and long blooming period. Individual blossoms are not as large as the regular hybrids, but this quality adds much to their charm and daintiness.

We have been devoting a considerable amount of time to hybridizing the Slipper Gloxinias, and although our collection is still limited in scope, we believe it to be the most extensive in the world as it includes colors that have never been seen before in the slipper type Gloxina.



*Our Slipper Gloxinia "Snow Queen"*

## STILL LIMITED IN SUPPLY

- S-1** Shades of delicate blue. Small flowered, dainty and exquisite. Extremely Scarce.
- S-2** Shades of Royal purple-blue. Relatively large flowered and handsome.
- S-3** Shades of red and soft rose. Fine large flowers of striking beauty.
- S-4** Shades of warm, bright raspberry rose, with a clear white throat. This is an exceptionally choice creation of luscious beauty. Rather large flowered, but still graceful and dainty. Scarce.
- S-5** A clear sparkling beauty of pure white, speckled and misted with varying degrees of Delicate Pink. Rather large flowered and very elegant. An exquisite new strain of slipper type.
- S-6** A clear sparkling beauty of pure white, speckled and misted with varying degrees of purple hue. Rather large flowered and very elegant.
- S-7** These are delicately tinted in Pink or Blue. They are original creations that probably will never be duplicated. A truly collectors item.

**GLOXINIA REGINA.** This is one of the original specie Gloxinia. Heavily veined foliage which is very unusual and dark purple slipper type flowers.

This was listed wrong last year as *Macrophylla*.

We wish to apologize at this time for selling Regina last year listed as *Macrophylla*.



## LARGE FLOWERING HYBRIDS

### *Assorted Tubers*

	1	3	6	12
Small	\$ .35	\$1.00	\$1.90	\$3.70
Large	.50	1.40	2.70	5.25
Jumbo	.80	2.25	4.00	7.75

### **Strong, Healthy**

## *Gloxinia Plants*

### **Buell's Beautiful New Hybrids**

#### *SUPERBLY PACKED FOR SAFE SHIPMENT ANYWHERE*

We wish it were possible for you to see how very, very carefully each plant for your order is handled and packed by well trained personnel. Each plant is specially prepared with damp moss at the top of the pot to hold it secure, then individually wrapped in wax paper plus other layers of paper to keep it moist and fresh during the trip — and snugly fitted into just the right size box.

These are well rooted, actively growing plants in individual 2½" shipping pots. All you have to do upon arrival is transplant to any regular 5" pot, and the plants continue to grow and thrive right in your own living room.

### **AVAILABLE IN MIXTURE ONLY**

*(All large flowered hybrid type, no slippers)*

Shipped September to December and March thru May

1 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	\$ 1.00
2 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	1.85
3 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	2.65
4 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	3.50
6 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	4.95
12 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	9.35
24 — Husky, strong-rooted PLANTS.....	17.75

Complete Growing Instructions With Each Order

Postage Prepaid To Your Door



## **Fresh and Vigorous** *Buell's Gloxinia Seed*

If you're the type of enthusiastic indoor gardener who enjoys the thrill and satisfaction of seeing tiny seeds pop through the soil, develop leaves, grow into mature plants, and finally burst into bloom, you should certainly try growing Gloxinias from seed.

All seeds are freshly harvested and constantly subjected to germination tests to guarantee freshness and vigor.

It is the most economical way to raise a large quantity of strong, healthy plants.

Under normal care Gloxinia seed will produce blooming size plants in 6 to 10 months. Seed may be sown at any time.

## *Buell's Special Mixture* **Giant Flowered Hybrid Seed**

Albert Buell's special Gloxinia seed is personally blended to assure an even distribution of all types and color combinations found in his new hybrids.

100 seed packet 75c    200 seed packet \$1.00    400 seed packet \$1.75

## *Buell's Slipper Type Gloxinia Seed*

In this carefully selected mixture you will find many new exquisite colors, combinations of colors and dainty intricate effects.

Limited Supply    Originators Package    \$1.00

About 80% true to type

*All seed sent prepaid via First Class Mail.*

Cultural instructions included with each packet.

## **SEED STARTING MEDIA**

We have found that a mixture of vermiculite and native peat is excellent for starting fine seed as Gloxinia and African Violet. This has been sterilized and is also good for rooting leaves.

1 qt. .75    3 qts. \$1.50    5 qts. \$2.00

## **COLLECTORS AND BREEDERS**

**a wonderful opportunity to add to your collection of Gesneriads.**

### **SEED PACKETS**

**STREPTOCARPUS HYBRIDS** — Dainty flowers in pink, white, and purple shades, borne well above compact leaves which are long and interestingly shaped. Somewhat resembles the slipper Gloxinia. **\$1.00**

**AFRICAN VIOLET - MIXED HYBRIDS** — This seed is produced in our greenhouse from such varieties as Painted Girl, America, Queen Betty, Innocence, Pink Wonder, etc. Should give an excellent assortment of singles and doubles. **\$1.00**



## Buell's Own Special

### *Pasteurized Gloxinia and African Violet Soil*

This is the same soil that we use in our greenhouse to give us the spectacular blossoms which have given us our national reputation. It is prepared from our own formula after months of careful composting and by the proper blending of all important ingredients.

Another feature which every gardener values is the fact that it has been pasteurized electrically at a temperature sufficient to kill all weed seeds, as well as harmful fungi (such as the damping off fungi), and harmful bacteria.



Packed in special Polyethylene plastic bags to maintain it in proper moist condition.

*(1 qt. soil is ample for potting 1 plant or tuber in a 5" pot)*

1 qt. BAG .85    2 qts. \$1.25    3 qts. \$1.50    5 qts. \$2.25    10 qts. \$3.95

For SOIL Add \$.20 per quart west of Mississippi for postage.

### ROOTING MEDIA

After experimenting for several years we have found that a blend of native Peat and Vermiculite serves as an excellent media for rooting cuttings. It gives very rapid rooting and an extensive root system, and plants transplant from this to soil with little or no set-back. Sufficient nutrients are derived from the peat to give the young plants a good start.

We also find this excellent for starting seed, especially fine seed as Gloxinia and African Violet.

Besides our own experience in the use of this media we already have many enthusiastic customers after just one year of offering it through our catalog.

Completely sterilized and ready to use just as it comes from the bag. Lasts indefinitely.

1 qt. .75    3 qt. \$1.50    5 qt. \$2.00



## Little Items of Great Importance

**RAPID-GRO** — We are often asked what fertilizer we use in our greenhouse for supplemental feeding. For several years we have used Rapid-Gro exclusively and find it does an excellent job. This year by popular request we have decided to offer it in our catalog.

Simple to use as you merely dissolve in water and water your plants.

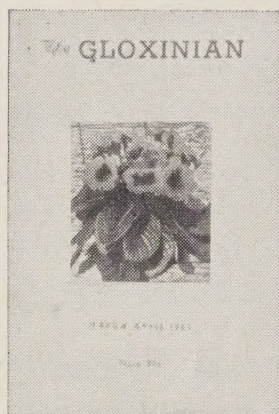
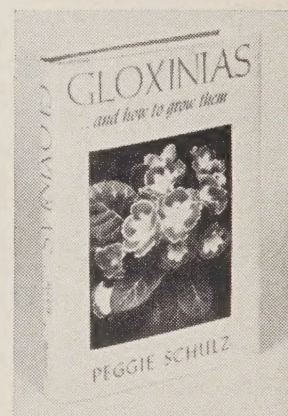
1 pound can \$1.35 including postage makes 176 lbs. of liquid fertilizer!

**PLASTIC LABELS** — If you are tired of wooden labels rotting or of plant names being difficult to read on discolored labels, then here is your answer. Snow-white plastic labels on which you can write with pencil, and they last forever. You will enjoy having your plants permanently and neatly labeled, and you may use them over and over as they are easily erased.

100 4½" plastic labels \$1.25

### "GLOXINIAS — AND HOW TO GROW THEM"

By Peggie Schulz. In this first book ever to be published on the Gloxinia, Mrs. Schulz has carefully outlined the care of Gloxinias from seedling or tuber stage to flowering and then through the dormant period. In addition to details of culture other interesting items include facts concerning growing Gloxinias under fluorescent lights, highlights on intriguing members of the same family, hints on producing your own seed etc. In addition 4 pages in full color show the newest in Gloxinias, and 21 how-to drawings are most helpful. 128 pages, 11 chapters. Price \$2.95.



DO YOU RECEIVE THE GLOXINIAN? IF NOT, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE AMERICAN GLOXINIA SOCIETY. MEMBERSHIP, \$2.50 for any 12-month period; includes 6 issues of the GLOXINIAN, Seed Fund for rare seeds; free membership in ROUND ROBINS; Membership card; and personal help with your gloxinia growing problems. Magazine also includes information on all the other plants in the same family, *Gesneriaceae*.

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- ☐ Sample copy, THE GLOXINIAN \$ .40
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each different \$1.00

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# SPECIAL OFFERS

(penny-wise folks take note!)

## GLOXINIAS

### No. 1

1 husky, strong rooted Gloxinia PLANT and 1 QT. Bag of Buell's Special Gloxinia Soil.

special to YOU for only

**\$1.67**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 2

4 husky, strong rooted Gloxinia PLANTS and 4 QTS. of Buell's Special Gloxina Soil.

Complete for only

**\$4.95**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 3

2 blooming size TUBERS (our choice) of Buell's large flowering Hybrid Gloxinias plus 2 QTS. special Gloxinia Soil.

all yours for only

**\$2.00**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 4

3 blooming size TUBERS (our choice) of Buell's large flowering Gloxinia Hybrids plus 3 QTS. special Gloxinia Soil.

both for

**\$2.90**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 5

2 large TUBERS — your choice of Red, Purple, Variegated Pink and Variegated Purple

and

2 QTS. Special Gloxinia Soil.

**Both for \$3.00**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 6

2 husky, strong rooted Gloxinia PLANTS and 2 QTS. of Buell's Special Gloxinia Soil.

**All for \$3.00**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 7

2 large TUBERS — Our choice labeled.

2 QTS. Special Soil.

**Both for \$2.80**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

### No. 8

4 large TUBERS — Our choice labeled.

4 QTS. Special Soil.

**All for \$5.00**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)



Your Guide for ordering  
everything described  
in our catalog.

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We acknowledge all orders. During our peak rush of October, November and December this may take a few days.

**CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS** — All Connecticut residents add 3% sales tax.

**SUBSTITUTIONS** — Be certain you check the space provided on the order blank concerning substitutions. When necessary we first substitute size, always giving you equal or greater value. If we are completely sold out of a variety we will try to substitute the most nearly similar variety.

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Note: If we are temporarily out of the variety you order would you prefer us to


- ☐ Send a similar variety of equal or greater value.
- ☐ Hold your order until the variety becomes available.

If you order  
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If you do not wish a substitute may we place the item on backfile for priority shipment next November? ☐ ☐

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# Your Gardening Friends

If you have friends who you feel would be interested in our Gloxinias and African Violets we will gladly send them our latest catalog.

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## *Did You Remember?*

**SOIL** — page 9. The ground freezes hard in winter!

**SEEDS** — page 8. A real thrill to grow your own from seed to flower.

**PEG'S BOOK** — page 10. Mighty interesting even though you are a "Glox" authority.  
A good gift item.

**XMAS, BIRTHDAY, OR JUST A REMEMBRANCE** — What better way to say thank you or Merry Xmas. Saves a lot of shopping about and is certain to please.

Just send us the card you wish enclosed. *Xmas orders must reach us by November 30 and will be sent in early December to avoid delay during the Xmas rush.*

**GLOXINIA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP** — page 10. This will bring you untold pleasure and open up many new horizons. Helps keep you up to date.

**RAPID-GRO** — page 10. A real boost for all your plants and so simple to use.

**ROOTING MEDIA** — page 9. Keep some on hand so you will always be ready to root a cutting that a friend may give you. Excellent for starting seed.



# *African Violets*

For the past thirteen years we have specialized in the growing and hybridizing of Gloxinias. During this time we found that many Gloxinia enthusiasts were also ardent African Violet admirers, so three years ago we started our collection of African Violets. Since the Gloxinia and African Violet are members of the same plant family, Gesneriaceae, it seems particularly appropriate that we grow both of them.

Our Violet collection now includes over 150 varieties, and as new ones are introduced which we feel are distinctly different or better than existing varieties we will plan to grow them and offer them to you.

There is already too much duplication among African Violet varieties. We have listed only those which have proven to be excellent varieties in our greenhouse, and which we consider to be distinctive in one or more characteristics.

All our merchandise is guaranteed to arrive in good condition and be true to name. Your satisfaction is our goal and greatest pleasure.

## **AMONG THE OUTSTANDING NEWER VARIETIES**

### **PRICES FOR LISTED VARIETIES:**

Leaves: .50c each (Available immediately. Not shipped during colder months, approximately December to April.)

Plants: \$2.00 each. (These are sturdy plants in 2½" pots. Shipped September to January and March to June.)

**AIR WAVE** — New double white, large flower with yellow center. Extremely good grower.

**BLACK FRINGE** — Medium size dark purple, ruffled. Profuse bloomer.

**BLUE PEAK** — Double blue with white border. Good grower.

**BRENITA GIRL** — Large reddish-lavender bloom. Girl type foliage.

**DOUBLE WINE VELVET** — Reddest double we have seen. Attractive yellow eye.

**DUPONT LAVENDER PINK GIRL** — Giant lavender pink bloom. Strong girl type foliage.

**EDITH CAVELL** — Delicate orchid, very ruffled flowers. Leaves are dark green, red underneath, and fluted.

**FROSTED BLUE LACE** — Similar to Ruffled Queen. Light blue and white.

**KANSAS CITY GIRL** — Supreme girl type foliage. Lavender-pink with darker upper petals. Slightly cupped.

**LAVENDER PINK DEBUTANTE** — Similar to Ruffled Queen. Deep lavender.

**PANSY** — Blue with white margin. Not a Geneva.

**PINK DILLY** — Darkest pink we have seen.

**PINK FRINGETTE** — Very ruffled pink with dark fluted leaves.

**PURPLE MONARCH** — Extremely large, supreme purple.

**QUEENS CUSHION** — Double bloom. Extremely large wine colored flowers.

**RAINBOW KING** — Reddish-purple delicately edged in white.

**ROSE WING** — Similar to Ruffled Queen. Blooms lavender-pink.

**ROYAL EMPEROR** — Extremely large double blooms. Orchid with deep tips on flowers.

**SUGAR BABE** — Pinkish lavender with very light edge.

**WHITE PRIDE** — Very large white pompons. Extremely good grower.



## *Double Pinks*

**HEART THROB** — Pink Pompons.

**IDEAL** — Very light pink. Good foliage.

**OHIO BOUNTIFUL** — Fully double. Very good grower.

**PINK ACHIEVEMENT** — Double pink.

**PINK CLOUD** — Fully double. Very good grower.

**PINK CUSHION** — Fully double. Very good grower.

**PINK PUFF** — Extremely large, semi-double, light pink flowers.

**PINK ROCKET** — Double pink with dark leaves.

**PINK SWEETHEART** — Fully double. Good grower.

**VICTORY** — Fully double.

**WILD ROSA** — Deepest double pink we have seen.

## *"Supreme" Type Violets*

The "supreme" type violets are typified by having large flowers and rather heavy textured foliage. Most people find that they do not bloom quite as abundantly as other varieties, but their immense flowers make them greatly sought after by the connoisseur. For the most part these propagate and grow more slowly than other varieties, and therefore we must charge slightly more for them. As the foliage is often large and brittle, we sometimes find that it is better to ship slightly smaller plants in this grouping to assure safe arrival.

### **PRICES FOR "SUPREME" VARIETIES**

Leaves: .35c each. 3 for \$1.00 (Available immediately. Not shipped during colder months, approximately December to April.)

Plants: \$1.50 each. (These are sturdy plants in 2½" pots. Shipped September to January and March to June).

**ADA MCGILL** — Double, White extremely large blooms.

**AMERICA** — Enormous light blue, slightly cupped flower with Dupont foliage.

**APPEALING** — A supreme Pansy Beauty. Red-purple with the tips of petals a darker color.

**APPLE BLOSSOM** — Very delicate tints of pink on white. Large flowers, supreme type foliage.

**BLUE DELIGHT SUPREME** — Giant white flowers with blue center.

**BLUE HEIRESS** — Extremely large flowers of medium blue, above heavy, rich-textured foliage.

**BLUE OHIO** — Supreme Type. One of the largest deep blue bloomers.

**CONFEDERATE BEAUTY** — Large dark purple flowers and a prolific bloomer.

**DUPONT LAVENDER PINK** — Huge flower in a pinkish lavender. A real eye catcher at our greenhouse.

**MADAM POMPADOUR** — Supreme type Azure Beauty.

**MARINE** — One of the old timers in a supreme. Flowers are medium blue and not as large as some, but a good bloomer.

**PINK SHOCKING** — One of the deepest pinks, slightly supreme type.

**PINK WONDER** — One of the largest pinks with very broad petals. A good deep color, with heavy textured foliage. Patented.

**RUFFLED QUEEN** — Dark purplish-burgundy flowers of this variety are very finely cut along the edge of the petals to give a ruffled effect. Extremely popular.

**SUNRISE SUPREME** — Our selection for the best of the "reds" in a supreme. Color is intensified towards tips of petals.



# Old Favorites

## PRICES FOR "OLD FAVORITES"

Leaves: .35 each, 3 for \$1.00 (Not shipped during colder months, approximately December to April).

Plants: \$1.00 each.

*(These are sturdy plants in 2½" pots. Shipped September to January and March to June).*

## Whites

**INNOCENCE** — The only pure white we know of with rich dark green leaves, red underneath. Outstanding.

**SNOW PRINCE** — Large glistening white flowers, and a very free bloomer. Foliage light green.

**STAR GLOW** — A pure white with delicate fluting and frilling of the petals.

## Blues

**BLUE BUTTERFLY** — Light blue. Very graceful.

**BLUE MOON** — Large deep blue.

**CRINKLES** — Very vigorous grower. Flowers medium blue and leaves very slightly scalloped.

**GORGEOUS BLUE WONDER** — Large flowers varying from medium blue to a slightly darker shade. This variety always attracts attention.

**GIANT BLUE** — Extremely large, medium blue, but not supreme type.

**HILOA BLUE** — Light blue ruffled blossom. Dark fluted leaves.

**HOLLY** — A distinctive leaf pattern makes this outstanding. Dark, heavily ruffled leaves, red underneath. Flower is blue-purple.

**SAILOR BOY** — An excellent bloomer with light blue flowers. Good foliage.

**SAILOR GIRL** — A true light blue with typical "girl" foliage. One of the most popular in this color grouping.

## Pinks

**PEACH BLOSSOM** — Flowers are an usual shade of rosy pink with a delicate striped effect. Girl foliage.

**PEACHES AND CREAM** — Pink with deep eye and upper petals.

**PINK BEAUTY** — Apple blossom pink flowers make this an old favorite. A good bloomer.

**PINK CHEER** — One of the best pinks we have seen. Flowers dainty with narrow petals. Foliage dark and flexible.

**PINK DELIGHT** — A light shell pink with a dark green leaf.



## "OLD FAVORITES," Cont.

**PINK GIRL** — A very dainty pink variety. Flowers borne above relatively small scalloped leaves.

**PINK LUSTRE** — Glistening light pink.

**UNCLE BOB** — Very nice pink.

### *Dark Purples*

**BLUE WARRIOR** — Deep purple flowers above shiny dark foliage make this a favorite.

**DEEP BLUE GIRL HYBRID** — Rich dark green girl foliage with dark blue to purple flowers.

**HILOA COBALT BLUE** — Deep blue ruffled bloom. Dark fluted leaves.

**MENTOR GIRL** — Another deep purple with a good textured leaf which is slightly scalloped.

**PURPLE KNIGHT** — One of our favorites because of its large flowers and good blooming habits. Dark foliage and flowers a bit lighter than Purple Prince.

**PURPLE PRINCE** — An old variety but still of the best. A rich dark "violet purple" with bright yellow stamens.

### *Red Purples*

**CARMEN** — One of the good red similar to Red King.

**GRAND LADY** — Medium "red-purple" with the upper petals slightly darker. Foliage smooth and spoon type.

**HILDEGARDE** — Flowers of this variety are delicately fluted. Medium red-purple.

**INDIONOLA** — Difficult to describe but a lavender with a red cast. A dark eye and excellent foliage make this a good collectors variety.

**RED KING** — We consider this the best of the so called "reds" in violets to date. A rich reddish-purple with dark foliage. Do not expect a real red, but you should have at least one variety in this color grouping.

**RED LADY** — Similar to Red King with very attractive girl type foliage.

**ROBIN HOOD** — Similar to Sunrise except with very dark tips on upper petals.

**SUNRISE** — Another good red of a lighter shade.

**WINE VELVET** — Very rich color in the so called "reds". Always popular.

### *Shades of Lavender*

**FRINGETTE LIGHT MAUVE** — Delicately fluted flowers of a clear light lavender.

**GYPSY PRINCE** — A good medium lavender and a prolific bloomer.

**LILAC PRINCESS** — A clear light lavender with bright yellow stamens. Excellent grower.

**PASTEL GIRL** — Girl type foliage with a clear lavender flower. Outstanding.

**TAFFETA** — This makes a large plant. Flowers are a delicate lavender.

### *Double Blooms*

**AUTUMN** — Heavily ruffled leaves, similar to Holly, large blue double blooms.

**AZURE BEAUTY** — Fully double flowers of white with lavender shadings. In great demand.



- BLUE CLUSTER** — Extremely large double frilled blue flower. (Semi-trailing).
- BRIDESMAID** — Large well formed double in white with blue shadings.
- DARK BEAUTY SPORT** — This is our own sport of Azure Beauty. Medium purple blooms which are very double and well formed.
- DELIGHT** — A true blue double with good foliage.
- DOUBLE FRILLED ORCHID** — Flowers are frilled and double in red-purple. Foliage dark, red underneath and very graceful.
- DOUBLE FRINGED WHITE** — A good double white sometimes showing a little blue. Foliage very graceful and frilled.
- DOUBLE INSPIRATION** — A new shade of lavender in a full petaled double. Prolific bloomer.
- DOUBLE NEPTUNE** — Our choice for a double deep purple violet. One of the best formed double blooms on the market.
- DOUBLE ORCHID NEPTUNE** — Similar to Double Neptune but flowers of deep orchid.
- DOUBLE ROSE** — Delightful pompons of white with a rose lavender shading.
- LAVENDER SEA GIRL** — Girl type foliage. Lavender flowers with darker upper petals.
- MOON RIPLES** — A “Geneva Double” of dark purple with a white edge. Patented.
- NAVY BOUQUET** — Large double purple and a very vigorous grower. Foliage distinctive.
- SEA GIRL** — Another double blue favorite with striking shiny and scalloped leaves.
- SNOW LINE** — One of the new “Geneva Doubles”. Petals are red-purple with a distinct white edge. Patented.
- SUN DANCE** — Similar to Double Orchid Neptune. Large growth habits. Pronounced yellow eye.
- THE BRIDE** — An excellent double which is white with a blue eye.
- WHITE MADONNA** — Best girl type foliage. Double white bloom.
- WINTERGREEN** — Double blue. Green and white variegated foliage.

## *Novelties*

### *(Two Colors)*

- BLUE DELIGHT** — White with blue center.
- BRENDA GIRL** — Distinctive girl type foliage. Lavender-pink cast. Upper petals slightly darker.
- BRONZE BICOLOR** — This is one of our favorites. Upper petals a rich plum red and lower petals lighter.
- DREAM GIRL** — Foliage very scalloped and different than any other we have seen. Flowers usually white bordered in blue, but sometimes are all purple or white.
- EVENING STAR** — Prolific bloomer having white flowers edged in blue.
- FANTASY** — This is a real novelty, as often no two flowers are alike. The flowers are light lavender with speckling and striping of a darker shade. Sometimes the flowers are completely purple.
- FROSTY** — Variegated green and white foliage. Light blue bloom.
- GENEVA BEAUTY** — Best purple with white border.
- GORGEOUS PINK BICOLOR** — Flower basically pink with the tips of the petals marked in darker shade. Unusual.



## "OLD FAVORITES" Cont.

- GIANT RED BICOLOR** — Extremely large, lavender with red cast on upper petals. One of the best.
- MARVEL BEAUTY** — White with blended orchid border, sometimes takes in entire bloom. Extremely attractive.
- MOTTLED HILOA** — Ruffled blue and white variegated.
- PAINTED GIRL** — One of the most popular at the Spring Flower Show. Excellent quality girl foliage with pure white flowers edged in lavender pink.
- PANSY BEAUTY** — A real gem and a prolific bloomer. Flowers reddish-lavender with the tips of each petal a much deeper tone.
- QUEEN BETTY** — White with pink upper petals.
- RED BICOLOR** — The upper two petals of the flower are a medium red purple, and the lower three are a lighter shade. A very prolific bloomer with excellent foliage.
- SILHOUETTE** — Ruffled blue with nearly white edge.
- SIR LANCELOT** — A lavender bicolor with excellent growth habits. Always attract attention.
- SUGAR PLUM GIRL** — A medium red-purple with a distinct white edge. Girl foliage.
- TWINKLES** — Flowers are white and delicately fringed, and have a very light blue marking radiating from the center.
- VELVET GIRL** — Flowers cupped and a deep burgundy. Darker towards petal tips. Outstanding.

## *Species*

- DIPLOTRIKA** — Dainty light blue. Profuse bloomer.
- GROTII** — This is the hanging African Violet. Large rounded light green leaves and light blue flowers. Makes a large graceful plant.
- ORBICULARS** — Nearly white with blue center. Very small. Extremely attractive.

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## MEMO TO GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENTS:

Many Garden Clubs have already enjoyed visiting our greenhouses, and we welcome any of you who would like to plan such a trip. Some groups have made reservations in advance for luncheon at the charming General Lyon Inn here in Eastford, and then toured our greenhouses in the afternoon.

If you contact us in advance we can advise you of the best time for a good display.

We also have a few kodachrome slides, 2"x2", which we will loan for use at your club meetings. There is a minimum handling charge of \$2.00.

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If you have members particularly interested in African Violets they might be interested to know that we grow over 170 varieties which we sell at the greenhouse.

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1 plant from "old Favorites"  
(Your choice)

1 qt. special soil.

**Both for \$1.75**

(Add .20/qt. soil west of Mississippi)

## **"C"**

2 plants from "old Favorites"  
(your choice)

2 qts. special soil.

**Both for \$3.00**

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## **"E"**

6 leaves from "Old Favorites"

1 qt. rooting media.

**Both for \$2.50**

## **"H"**

6 leaves from "Old Favorites"

1 Painted Girl

1 Azure Beauty

1 Double Neptune

1 Red King

1 Snow Prince

1 Purple Prince

**All for \$1.75**

## **"B"**

3 assorted "double" varieties,  
our choice.

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## **"D"**

Starter collection. Our choice of  
plants in

1 Purple

1 Pink

1 Bicolor

1 Double

**All 4 plants for \$3.75**

## **"F"**

6 leaves from "New Varieties"  
(page 15)

1 qt. rooting media.

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Double Delight

Double Rose

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Orchid Sunset

Double Neptune

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